

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 214.10, 214A.2(1) and 215.24, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship hereby amends Chapter 85, "Weights and Measures," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments specify the standards used for motor fuel and update the rules for weights and measures. The amendments clarify that the gas price displayed may not reflect a discount offered for cash payment and that discounts offered for cash payment must be displayed in a manner clear to the purchaser. The amendments restate from the statutory provision the minimum octane rating for regular and premium gasoline.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0815C** on June 26, 2013.

Two generally supportive comments were received. One comment suggested making additional changes in the posting of octane ratings, and the other comment suggested the addition of a minimum distillation limit for ethanol gasoline.

The adopted amendments are identical to the noticed amendments.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 214A as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, House File 458, section 5.

These amendments will become effective September 25, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 21—85.33(214A,208A) as follows:

21—85.33(214A,208A) Motor fuel and antifreeze tests and standards. In the interest of uniformity, the tests and standards for motor fuel, including but not limited to renewable fuels such as ethanol blended gasoline, biodiesel, biodiesel blended fuel, and components such as an oxygenate, raffinate natural gasoline and motor vehicle antifreeze shall unless otherwise required by statute be those established by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) in effect on ~~October~~ July 1, 2006 2013, with the exception of ASTM D4814-13 for the distillation of gasoline for ethanol blended gasoline classified as higher than E-10 and up to E-50. Diesel fuel which does not comply with ASTM international specifications may be ~~stored in Iowa only if the~~ blended with biodiesel, additives or other diesel fuel is ~~stored at a terminal for the purposes of blending the diesel fuel with biodiesel~~ so that the finished ~~biodiesel~~ blended product does meet the applicable specifications. In addition, a motor fuel that contains more than one-half of 1 percent of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) by volume shall not be sold, offered for sale, or stored in Iowa.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 208A.5, 208A.6, 214A.2 as amended by 2013 Iowa Acts, House File 458, and 215.18 ~~and 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2754.~~

ITEM 2. Amend rule 21—85.39(189,215) as follows:

21—85.39(189,215) Weights and measures. The specifications, tolerances and regulations for commercial weighing and measuring devices, together with amendments thereto, as recommended by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and published in National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook 44 amended or revised as of ~~July 16, 2009~~ July 1, 2013, shall be the specifications, tolerances and regulations for commercial weighing and measuring devices in the state of Iowa, except as modified by state statutes, or by rules adopted and published by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship and not rescinded.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Handbooks 130 and 133: Weights and Measures Law, Packaging and Labeling, Method of Sale, Type Evaluation, and Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods, and Uniform Engine Fuels and Automotive Lubricants Regulation, and

all supplements, as ~~promulgated~~ published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology amended or revised as of July 16, 2009 1, 2013, are adopted in their entirety by ~~this reference~~ except as modified by state statutes, or by rules adopted and published by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 189.9, 189.13, 189.17, 215.14, 215.18 and 215.23.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule 85.48(2) as follows:

85.48(2) Petroleum product retailers, if they elect to advertise the unit price of their petroleum products at or near the curb, storefront or billboard, shall display the price per gallon or liter. The advertised price shall equal the computer price settings shown on the metering pump or shall be displayed in a manner clear to the purchaser for discounts offered for cash payment.

ITEM 4. Amend subrule 85.48(14) as follows:

85.48(14) Octane rating of fuel offered for sale shall be posted on the pump in a conspicuous place. The octane rating shall be posted for registered fuels. No octane rating shall be posted on the pump for ethanol blended gasoline classified as higher than E-15. The minimum octane rating for gasoline offered for sale by a retail dealer is 87 for regular grade gasoline and 90 for premium grade gasoline.

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